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San Antonio Radio Club
W5SC



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Patricia Leigh Knight AD5BR
Silent Key (Harold Fleischer, AE5AS)

The San Antonio Radio Club (SARC) announces with a heavy heart that Pat Knight AD5BR suddenly passed away during the afternoon of Friday, September 2, 2022. We join her husband Lee Besing, her son John, her extended family, friends, and the ham community of greater San Antonio in mourning this unexpected loss.

Pat was a long-term member of SARC. Further, she was a long-term member of the SARC Board of Directors. Pat was also the Chairperson of the Volunteer Examiners (VEs) Committee of SARC for innumerable

Meeting September 8,, 2022 will be 7 PM at Blanco BBQ, 13259 Blanco Rd, San Antonio, TX 78216, (210) 251-2602 .

years. There is no telling how many people the Ves tested and therefore helped get licenses while she was the Chairperson. As the Chairperson, Pat worked both the Ves and the test candidates to get both groups to a test site at the same time. She was especially interested in helping test candidates prepare for their tests.

At a later date, SARC's leadership will fill the position of Chairperson of the Volunteer Examiners Committee, but they will not be able to replace Pat Knight AD5BR, SK. SARC's leadership believes that the best memorial to Pat's legacy is to continue

Silent Key – Pat Knight AD5BR **(Lee Besing, N5NTG)**

Pat Knight, AD5BR, became a Silent Key on Friday, September 2nd. Pat was an Extra Class licensed Amateur Radio operator. In 2000, she passed both her Tech & General tests in one sitting and 9 days later, passed her Extra test & only missed 1 question.



She became active as a VE helping with multiple VE Teams, especially ROOST.

Pat had been serving on the SARC Board of Directors for many years and running the club's Volunteer Examiner Team to offer test sessions for new hams or to those wanting to upgrade. The SARC VE Team typically put on a session in even numbered months, plus whenever a special class was offered.

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SAN ANTONIO RADIO CLUB

PRESIDENT'S RADIOGRAM

NUMBER	PRECEDENCE	HX	STATION OF ORIGIN	CHECK	PLACE OF ORIGIN	TIME FILED	DATE
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TO							

Hello Fellow Hams!

Rosendo is still recovering..

The club has lost one of its strongest supporters and workers, Pat Knight, AD5BR. Your editor was privileged to spend a short time with her during rides to and from meetings. Pat lived near my house and so it was an easy de-
 ture to go by and give her a ride. I was impressed by her excitement at everything she tried and her very positive
 outlook. This was a lady who embraced life, despite her health issues. As others have said in this newsletter, she
 leaves a big void to fill. We are privileged to have known and worked with her in the furtherance of amateur radio.

Lee N5NTG is looking for more ham radio operators to assist with the Ride to the River event
 happening next month on October 1st & 2nd. Details are in the announcement later in the
 newsletter. If you can help with this opportunity, please contact Lee.

Good DX

Jim Neff, WJ4M, for Rosendo Guzman – N5

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The due date for articles is the **Monday** before the first **Thursday** of the month

Meeting Minutes
7:00 p. m., August 11, 2022
Blanco BBQ, 13259 Blanco Rd., San Antonio, TX 78216

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm//Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions by Club Vice President, Lloyd Swartz KF5ZHW

Presentation
 Bob Rodriguez: Impedance

Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting
 There being no changes, additions, or deletions, minutes were approved without objection by unanimous consent.

Officer Reports:
President – Rosendo M Guzman, N5YBG. Not present.

President/Vice President – Lloyd Swartz, KF5ZHW.
 Upcoming presentations:
 September: Paul Guido: Service monitors
 October: Bill Craft: UPS
 November: Michael Mitchel: CERT

Secretary – Jack Bannin N5JLB – Minutes from club meetings can be found at w5sc.org website, in the Newsletters section.

Treasurer – Jon April KI5CSK – No new information.

Chairman of the Board Report – Harold Fleischer, AE5AS – On vacation

Education and Training – David Finell, N7LRY – Not present.

Emergency Communications – JC Smith N5RXS – Not present.

Membership – Bill Craft, KD2HIQ – As of 7/31/22

Paid: 127	New Members for 2022		
Free / Mil 8	First	Last	Call
Family Members 24	Marlo	Brown	
ARRL Members 66	David	Rice	NB5K
Total membership 159	John	Palumbo	KI5KUN
	Ruth	Bush	KI5WCQ
	Christopher	Turan	KI5OYB

We are now over 105% of last year's membership.

Field Day – No report. Lloyd Schwartz still has someone's heavy met from Field Day.

Finance and Review – Paul Guido N5IUT – No report.

JOTA – John Douglas W5NZK – Not present. No report. Will be active in October. Volunteers must complete the Youth Protection course with the Scouts.

Centennial Committee – Tom O’Brien AB5XZ – No Report.

Radio Fiesta – Bill Craft, KD2HIQ – Certificates of Appreciation awarded to several volunteers. Eventbrite has been updated for 2023. Harold Fleischer, AE5AS has secured venue contracts for 2023. Need to create a NEW Radio Fiesta committee for 2023.

VE Team – Pat Knight AD5BR – Not present. The next VE session will be August 27 at 12 noon at the Leon Valley Public Library. Pre-register at hamtest@gmail.com . If you plan to test, to be sure to pre-register. **NOTE:** The questions for the Technician exam CHANGED July 1, 2022. FRN required for testing at all levels. Those testing for technician will need to go to fcc.gov to get their FRN in advance of the testing.

Newsletter Editor – Jimmie Neff – Not present.

Webmaster – Bill Craft, KD2HIQ – Posted newsletter. Updated JOTA page & volunteer form. Groups.io: Updated membership list, calendar. Mail Chimp: Sent meeting notice

Silent Key Committee –Rodney Brown AA5RB – No updates.

Monthly Activities – Travis Few, N9EOD – We will try a Fox Hunt again at McAllister Park on Saturday, 28 August, 0900 – 1200. I will be hiding the MicroFox (15mw), and it will be transmitting once a minute on 146.565Mhz.

Hunter’s starting point is any parking lot for the park. No need to wait for the group. As soon as 0900 hits, you can start hunting. If you can’t be there at 0900, that’s ok. The hunt will continue after the first person finds it. The Fox will still be transmitting and hidden till 1200.

Please consider bringing non-hams out with you—especially kids who really seem to enjoy this activity. Fox Hunting is an excellent event for newcomers to radio as it doesn’t require a transmitter to find the Fox.

8/20/22 Point-to-Point Winlink semi-annual exercise scheduled.

Executive – No meeting since last meeting: No Report.

Election Committee – Paul Guido, N5IUT. Announced opportunities for members to take a role in governance of the club. Let Paul know of your interest.

Scholarship Committee: Tom O’Brien, AB5XZ – Fund-raiser tickets for the scholarship are available for sale. One ticket sold this week at AARO meeting. Made a sales poster and printed manufacturer’s brochures for the prize radios. Sent letters to the two scholarship winners.

Old Business (Motions carried over from previous meetings) – None

New Business – None

Announcements:

For technicians, we are proud to announce Project Make 52 Great Again within a few weeks. The CQ 52 Net will be returning on Monday nights at 7:00 PM. This is a VHF simplex net.

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:52 PM



Volunteer Examiners at Work



There is no report for this month.

The last VE session was August 27.

Pat Knight (continued)

Pat was a member of the Hill County *REACT*, most recently serving as Secretary on the Board of Directors. She has been a member of SARO, serving on their Board of Directors for a term. She was a member of AARO and KARS for many years also. She was active with the American Diabetes Association's Tour de Cure and the National MS Society's BikeMS events. Her BikeMS history started in 2003 with the Bike to the Beach ride, and 2004 with the Houston BPMS150. When CERT was first formed in Bexar County, being the overachiever she was, she took their classes to get certified and then took their classes to become a trainer of trainers.

Pat was born on July 6, 1956, in Atlanta Georgia and passed away at the age of 66. She had suffered a stroke about a year prior but was making great progress in recovering. Her cause of death was unrelated to the previous stroke but believed to be related to a recently diagnosed hernia. The family believes that this untreated medical issue caused her death.

Pat is survived by her husband, Lee Besing N5NTG, her son, John Goates, and her stepson David Besing KD5MTJ. In her last wishes, she told the family that she wanted to be cremated, but did not want a fancy expensive funeral viewing, and eventually wanted her ashes spread in a beautiful place somewhere in Texas.

The family is having her body cremated, but her ashes will be placed (at least temporarily) in a Turquoise colored urn, so that we can

hold a Celebration of Life later. The family is looking at a possible date in mid-October, exact date and location to be determined. In the meantime, the family is facing considerable unexpected costs especially since she died without a will. Lee is considering setting up a GoFundMe account, as he has received some offers from people wanting to help with those expenses. Lee said to tell you he appreciated the outpouring of condolences and unsolicited offers of support that he has been receiving. Lee's email is Lee@Besing.com and his cellphone is 210-771-7075.

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BikeMS Ride to the River – October 1-2nd – Volunteers Needed

Lee N5NTG is looking for more ham radio operators to assist with the Ride to the River event happening next month on October 1st & 2nd. He needs to staff 15 SAG vans (2 day assignments) which are rental vans or pickups. A gas card is provided to cover all fuel expenses. The National MS Society does require background checks on some of the volunteer positions and a driver's license check for any drivers of Rental vehicles. The rental vehicles need to be picked up on Friday afternoon / evening before 6:00 PM. They will need to be returned to the pick-up point on Sunday evening after the event is over. Dual band mobile radios are highly recommended for SAG vans with a high gain antenna. Single band radios are acceptable for Rest Stops, with some locations able to hit the repeaters via handheld radios.

Lee Besing
210-771-7075 (Text & VM preferred for first
contact)
San Antonio, Texas



SARC has had a Groups.io. Its name is saradioclub.

If you haven't signed up for group.io, you should. Groups.io is our primary email messaging method to all club members. It is FREE for all members.

Several members have asked where are the notices, schedules and codes for Zoom meetings?

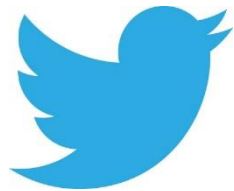
1. The groups.io calendar has a schedule of Zoom meetings and access codes.
2. The calendar can be accessed directly from the club web site <https://w5sc.org/events-calendar/> NOTE: it is the same groups.io calendar.

The saradioclub Group.io is being used to publicize SARC business meetings. It can be used for other things like promotion of VEC testing and classes. Members of the saradioclub Group.io can and have asked each other technical questions or sought assistance.

The saradioclub Group.io is a closed group. To become a member, go to saradioclub.groups.io. (You may need to have a Groups.io account.) You will then need to select *Apply for membership in this group*. This generates a message. SARC members can expect approval to join the saradioclub Group.io in probably less than 24 hours.

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SARC Tweets



Reminder: there are two active Twitter accounts for the San Antonio Radio Club. They are @SARadioClub and @ARadioFiesta.

The @SARadioClub is being used to publicize SARC meetings. It can be used for other things like promotion of VEC testing and classes.

When work again commences the @ARadioFiesta will be used.

SARC members are encouraged to follow both Twitter accounts.

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There is a San Antonio Radio Club – SARC (@saradioclub) Facebook Page.

The newsletter editor is making posts about SARC meetings and other activities. Any Officer, Committee Chairperson, or member who believes that they have information that should be posted to this page should contact the newsletter editor using the contact information for the newsletter editor on page 2 of this newsletter.

SARC members are encouraged to follow this Facebook Pa

SARC SLACK



There is a San Antonio Radio Club Slack team – w5sc.slack.com.

Slack teams are meant to foster communication between team members. Paul Guido, N5IUT, has established the w5sc.slack.com team for SARC. He has also established some channels. Think of the channels as topical areas.

To join send an email to Paul Guido, N5IUT, at radioteacher@gmail.com. In actuality, any team member already a part of the w5sc.slack.com can invite you, but Paul is known to be on it.

SARC Meeting Dates for 2022

January 13, 2022
 February 10, 2022
 March 10, 2022
 April 14, 2022
 May 12, 2022
 June 9, 2022
 July 14, 2022
 August 11, 2022
September 8, 2022
 October 13, 2022
 November 10, 2022
 December – No meeting

Meetings are normally held at Blanco BBQ, 13259 Blanco Rd, San Antonio, TX 78216 at 7:00 p. m. Room is available at 6:00 p. m. for supper

Amateur Radio License Classes

For more information, contact:
 David Finell, N7LRY
 Instructor

SARC has a website:

w5sc.org

Webmaster: Bill Craft KD2HIQ
 Billc851@gmail.com
 210-233-8863

JOTA

Club members participated in JOTA and JOTI the largest Scouting event in the world at McGimsey Scout Park with the Alamo Area BSA on Saturday October 16th. Volunteers set up several stations including mobile installations and allowed scouts to contact stations as far away as England.

Emergency Communications

If you are interested in emergency communications, contact:
 JC Smith N5RXS

Radio Fiesta 2023

Watch for news of the next Radio Fiesta. Radio Fiesta 2022 has been moved from the previous January time frame to June..

Field Day 2022 June 25-26

FD 2022 was great, FD 2023 is coming sooner than you'd think!

Where SARC proves they are an eating group with a radio problem.

License Testing Dates for 2022

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We expect to be testing at
Leon Valley Public Library,
6425 Evers Rd
Leon Valley, TX 78238

TBA October 22, 2022

Pre-register at hamtest@gmail.com . If you plan to test, be sure to pre-register.

SARC does all of its licensing testing as a part of ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) organization so all of the Volunteer Examiners in SARC are duly authorized Volunteer Examiners of ARRL's VEC.